

Summer Rec. is underway...
Keep your eye on the ball and swing away!

With the 1st week of Summer Rec. in the books, program updates are as follows: In Arts and Crafts this week, Rec-ers are learning to create and design fruity play dough, picture frames, and bouncy balls. Next week, program highlights include: sun catchers, gooey gunk, shaving cream rainbows, and sand art. Weekly playground activities include relay races, parachute, capture the flag, tag games, pin-ball, Kan-Jam, 4 square, and more! The current sport of the week is Golf where youth have the opportunity to practice the game, take swings on the Vet's Park miniature driving range, and go on a field trip to Destroyer Park Golf. Baseball/ Softball is the featured sport next week, culminating in a trip to the Bison's Game on 7/20. In water activities youth have the chance to cool off with slip and slide events, sponge relays, water gun target ranges, water balloon toss competitions, and pool ball on a weekly basis. As for field trips, last week the Rec. Dept. went to Russell Park and the Newstead Library where Rec-ers were engaged in an educational program and greeted by several exotic animals. This week the Rec. Dept. will be traveling to play a round of Destroyer Golf on Friday, 7/15; and that will be followed by a trip to Coca Cola Field to catch a Bison's game next week.

To involve youth in citizenship, the Rec. Dept. is planning 3 special activities this Summer to support local, regional and global causes. The first community cause aimed at positively affecting the Town of Newstead is our annual "Let's CAN Hunger," food drive. The next community service cause will be our "For Kids' Sake Fun Run" to benefit the Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation and the WNY region. With nearly 200 registrants in the AM and PM Programs at just \$5 each, the goal is to participate in the Mosaic Project by raising \$1,000 for this great cause. The last of the community causes is to impact the global community. This is a collaborative effort to Pack-A-Plane with the Akron Varsity Softball Team and Hilbert College Rotaract aptly named Just DOnate It! will collect school supplies and sports equipment for impoverished children in the Dominican Republic

The Summer 2016 Rec. Dept. Program Schedule is as follows:

Summer Rec. Programs	Days	Times	Fees
Morning Run	Monday-Friday	8-9am	\$15/season or \$40/family
* AM REC Session	Monday-Friday	9am-12pm	\$25/season or \$65/family
Youth B-Ball	Monday-Friday	12-1pm	\$15/season or \$40/family
* PM REC Session	Monday-Friday	1-4pm	\$25/season or \$65/family
After Hours Program	Monday-Friday	4-5pm	\$15/season or \$40/family
Field Excursions/Trips	TBD	TBD	TBD

* Youth may register for the AM or PM Session, but not for both. Each session adheres to grade levels and includes 4 - 45 minute programs... arts & crafts, playground activities, sports, and water games. The AM and PM Sessions are Monday- Friday and all-inclusive for the duration of the Summer... excluding Morning Run, Mid-Day Basketball, After Hours, and paid field trips which require separate registration. Note: Summer 2016 Rec. Dept. Programs will be offered at Veteran's Park due to Capital Improvement Projects at the Akron Schools. For more details, please refer to the respective programs and schedules at www.newsteadrec.com.

In addition to the core programs above, other trips and events being planned include:

Trips & Special Events	Dates	Times	Fees
Meet at Library/Russell Pk.	Friday, 7/8	AM & PM Rec.	Free
Meet at Destroyer Golf	Friday, 7/15	AM & PM Rec.	\$7
Trip to Bison's Game	Wednesday, 7/20	11am-5pm	\$10 (tk. & bus)
Meet at Akron Falls Park	Friday, 7/29	AM & PM Rec.	Free
Trip to the Buffalo Zoo	Friday, 8/5	9am-4pm	\$10 (tk. & bus)
Trip to Darien Lake	Friday, 8/12	9am-5pm	\$5 w/pass/\$25 w/o
9th Annual Rec. Olympics	Week #5	AM & PM Rec.	Free
"Can Hunger" Food Drive	Week #2	AM & PM Rec.	Donations
Children's Fun Run	Week #4	AM & PM Rec.	Donations
Pack-A-Plane/Just DOnate It!	Week #6	AM & PM Rec.	Donations

To register for extra trips and events, youth must already be registered in the AM or PM REC Program. Some excursions are walking trips, others require a drop off at the location listed, and out of town destinations include school bus transportation. Due to space constraints, the number of participants is capped as follows: youth = 51 and staff = 10 for a ratio of 5:1.

Registration Process:

Registration for the Town of Newstead Summer 2016 Recreation Programs, scheduled from July 5th through August 12th and to be held at Veteran's Park, began Monday, June 6th. With now over 400 registrations, some sections of AM REC and Field Trips are already closed. There are; however, still openings in PM REC, Morning Run, Mid-Day Basketball, and the After Hours Programs. Programs are still filling up, so don't delay... sign up today! To speed up the registration process, participants have the opportunity to register on-line at newsteadrec.com or they may stand in line at Town Hall. New participants are reminded that they need to set-up family accounts before they can actually register. For the convenience of on-line registration, a modest processing fee is assessed and invoiced. Please note that there are "caps" - a limited number of openings for the programs and field trips, which will be filled on a first-paid, first-serve basis. Please Note: A registration is not complete until paid.

Rec. Dept. Leadership and Staff:

Summer Rec. 2016 is led by Dan Roland, Director; Jessica Bell, Assistant Director and Playground Coordinator; Bo Izydorczak, Sports Coordinator and Sports Admin. Intern; Katie Stachowiak, Water Activities Coordinator; and Claudia Stone, Arts & Crafts Coordinator.

Coordinators are responsible for planning, organizing, implementing, supervising, and evaluating their respective programs. This core leadership team sets the standards for new and returning staff joining the Rec. Dept. as Program Attendants.

Program Attendants include: Lorian Blenker, Alison Ciurzynski, Emily Heberling, Megan Kidder, Aynsley Loran Pragle, Shane Rogers, Will Warner, and Simon Wulf. Substitutes are Jen Burden, Leah Czechowski, Katie Grant, Kaitlyn Kaufman and Baily Murty.

Substitutes are still needed and candidates are encouraged to apply ASAP!

Rec. Dept. Mission and Board:

The Recreation Department mission reads as follows: “The Town of Newstead Recreation Department is committed to providing residents of the Town of Newstead, Tonawanda Territory, Akron Central School District, and Students of the Akron Central School District with a variety of enjoyable and meaningful physical fitness programs and leisure activities that promote individual development and teamwork in a safe and positive environment.”

The role of the Rec. Board is to further the mission of the Recreation Department, by adhering to its core values: Commitment, Fairness, Honesty, Passion, Respect, Resourcefulness, and Service and improving its functional areas: activities/programming, budgeting/ appropriations, facility management, organizational development, and publicity/public relations.

The current Newstead Recreation Board includes the following members: Joel Gregorio (Chair), Justin Klodzinski, Adam Massaro, Tim Morgan, Tracy Oakes, Melissa Polkowski, Robyn Robnett (Secretary), and Mike Schilling. In addition, the Town Board Reps/Liaisons to the Rec. Dept. are John Jendrwoski and Don York. The School Board Liaison is Shannon Cinotti. The next Rec. Bd. meeting is currently scheduled for August.

While the Town of Newstead, the Recreation Board, and Rec. Staff are the official caretakers of the Recreation Department, it takes the collective efforts of the community to be truly successful. Residents with suggestions for the betterment of the Recreation Department are asked to please contact a Rec. Bd. Member or the Recreation Director, Dan Roland via cell phone at #392-7657. Thanks for your support!